AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 5-23 as follows:

5. **(New Claim)** A method for developing a request for proposal and a responding proposal, comprising:

generating at a first device a first overlay representing the request for proposal, the first overlay including references to a first database for text segments associated with selected elements;

sending the first overlay to a second device; and

receiving at the first device a second overlay from the second device, the second overlay representing the responding proposal to the request for proposal, the second overlay comprising a modified version of the first overlay.

6. **(New Claim)** The method of claim 5, further comprising:

retrieving from the first database a first set of data corresponding to the first overlay and a second set of data corresponding to the second overlay; and

displaying the responding proposal based on the first and second sets of data.

7. **(New Claim)** The method of claim 5, wherein the generating the first overlay comprises:

receiving a selection for at least a first element from a first set of elements;

receiving at least one performance/prescriptive value for the first element; and

storing a first representation for the first element and the corresponding performance/prescriptive value in electronic form.

8. **(New Claim)** The method of claim 7, wherein the generating the first overlay further comprises:

receiving a document function indication of request for proposal; and

associating text segment references with text segments that use the imperative mood appropriate for the request for proposal.

9.   (New Claim) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

receiving the first overlay at the second device;

generating the second overlay using the first overlay; and

sending the second overlay to the first device.

10.   (New Claim) The method of claim 9, wherein the generating the second overlay comprises:

retrieving from a database the first element and the corresponding performance/prescriptive value based on the first overlay;

receiving a selection for at least one second element from a second set of elements, the second element comprising a subset of the first element and in accordance with the first element's performance/prescriptive value; and

storing a second representation for said second element with the first representation in electronic form.

11.   (New Claim) The method of claim 10, wherein the database is the first database.

12.   (New Claim) The method of claim 10, wherein the database is a second database.

13.   (New Claim) The method of claim 10, wherein the generating the second overlay further comprises:

receiving a document function indication of proposal; and

associating text segment references with text segments that use the indicative mood appropriate for the responding proposal.

14. **(New Claim)** A method for developing a request for proposal and a responding proposal, comprising:

generating at a first device a first overlay representing the request for proposal, the first overlay including references to a database for text segments associated with selected elements, the generating including

receiving an indication of document function; and

associating the appropriate grammatical mood with at least one referenced text segment based on the indicated document function;

sending the first overlay to a second device; and

receiving at the first device a second overlay from the second device, the second overlay representing the responding proposal to the request for proposal, the second overlay comprising a modified version of the first overlay.

15. **(New Claim)** The method of claim 14, wherein the generating the first overlay comprises:

receiving the document function indication of request for proposal by an owner to a design-builder; and

associating text segment references with text segments that use the imperative mood appropriate for the request for proposal by an owner to a design-builder.

16. **(New Claim)** The method of claim 15, wherein the text segment references are associated with text segments prefaced with language similar in mood and style to the phrase "Design and select materials to provide..."

17. **(New Claim)** The method of claim 14, wherein the generating the first overlay comprises:

receiving the document function indication of request for proposal by a design-builder to a sub-contractor; and

associating text segment references with text segments that use the imperative mood appropriate for the request for proposal by a design-builder to a sub-contractor.

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18.   **(New Claim)** The method of claim 17, wherein the text segment references are associated with text segments prefaced with language similar in mood and style to the phrase "Provide...".

19.   **(New Claim)** The method of claim 14, further comprising:

receiving the first overlay at the second device;

generating the second overlay using the first overlay, the generating including

receiving an indication of document function; and

associating the appropriate grammatical mood with at least one referenced text segment based on the indicated document function; and

sending the second overlay to the first device.

20.   **(New Claim)** The method of claim 19, wherein the generating the second overlay comprises:

receiving a document function indication of proposal; and

associating text segment references with text segments that use the indicative mood appropriate for the responding proposal.

21.   **(New Claim)** The method of claim 20, wherein the proposal is by a design-builder to an owner.

22.   **(New Claim)** The method of claim 20, wherein the proposal is by a sub-contractor to a design-builder.

23.   **(New Claim)** The method of claim 20, wherein the text segment references are associated with text segments prefaced with language similar in mood and style to the phrase "Construction will provide...".